



**TSCC Regular Business Meeting  
Minutes  
Tuesday, June 3, 2025  
11:02 a.m.**

Chair Harmony Quiroz, Commissioners Burton, Donahue, and Moore were present, as were Executive Director Allegra Willhite and Budget Analyst Brittanie Abayare, all via Zoom meeting. Commissioner Lugo Knapp was absent.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Quiroz called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

**District Budgets to be considered**

Executive Director Willhite said the commissioners were scheduled to discuss the 2025-26 Approved Budgets for the Port of Portland and City of Portland.

**Port of Portland Budget Review**

Allegra described the Port of Portland's FY 2025–26 budget as relatively stable, with no major shifts despite federal uncertainty. The Port receives some funding from intergovernmental sources but it is not the largest source. A large portion of the budget is for capital projects, including work at the Portland International Airport. The majority of capital funding for airport projects comes from airlines. Per the budget message, leisure travel has largely recovered, while international business travel remains down.. Phase 1 of the Portland International Airport expansion has been completed, as the project moves into Phase 2 spending will slow some.

Commissioners discussed the Port's shared prosperity and learning culture initiatives, as well as the use of behavioral health clinicians in partnership with security. Commissioners noted community concerns around air pollution near Swan Island and wondered about whether Port staff might know the best contact for these issues.

Questions were finalized for the upcoming budget hearing, covering topics such as the operating and cost impacts of new terminal infrastructure, behavioral health partnerships, the shared prosperity budget tool, cargo volume fluctuations, and financial viability of Terminal 6.

**Port of Portland Compliance**

Commissioners discussed the Port's recurring pattern of budget overexpenditures. This year, overages included \$4.5 million in the Airport Construction Fund and \$131,000 in bond issuance costs. Though the Port attributes this to communication gaps between project managers and finance staff and complications in reconciling accounting practices with budget law, the Commission emphasized that these issues are long-standing.

TSCC will include a recommendation in the Certification Letter. Commissioners agreed to



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acknowledge prior improvement and highlight the ongoing need for more accurate capital expenditure tracking and timely supplemental budgeting. A follow-up discussion on overexpenditures may be revisited next year depending on progress.

### **City of Portland Budget Review**

The City of Portland's approved budget included \$9.8 million in changes made by City Council to the Mayor's Proposed Budget. The total approved budget is \$8.64 billion.. Though minimal in scale, the amendments revealed key Council priorities, including operational control and philosophical differences about budget investments in public safety and parks. A \$19.7 million general fund shortfall led to proposed cuts in parks and permitting services, although permitting cuts were later partially restored through one-time funding. Ongoing investments in shelters and street response services are also in this budget, primarily with funds from other government jurisdictions like Metro and Multnomah County.

Commissioners plan to ask about funding strategies for public safety and parks, the city's long-term vision, and other questions.

### **City of Portland Compliance**

Several compliance issues were identified in Portland's proposed budget, including out-of-balance funds and property tax calculation errors. These were flagged for correction prior to budget adoption and the City has committed to fixing the issues. Therefore, no objection is recommended. Additionally, the City received an audit exception for not posting its budget hearing notice online at least 10 days in advance, as required by Oregon law. While this will not result in a recommendation this year, continued noncompliance could prompt further review in the future.

### **Next Steps**

Commissioners finalized preparation for the upcoming hearings, noting the need to manage time efficiently—particularly if all City Council members are present. Commissioners agreed to remain flexible and adapt their questioning as needed during the hearings.

There being no other business, Chair Quiroz adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m.